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SUBJ: SC MTG IN PANAMA

FROM SCALI

1. SCALI TOLD TACK TONIGHT AT RECEPTION GIVEN BY INDIAN REP THAT HE VERY MUCH SURPRISED AT TONE AND IMPLICATION OF TACK' S REPLY TO SCALI, WHICH ALLEGED THAT AMERICAN ECONOMIC AID TO LA IS GIVEN ONLY FOR SELFISH PURPOSES. SCALI TOLD HIM HE WOULD REPORT TACK' S VIEWS TO PRESIDENT AND THAT IF PANAMA IS NOT INTERESTED IN FURTHER AMERICAN ECONOMIC ASSISTANCE, ALL HE HAD TO DO WAS TO SAY SO. SCALI TOLD TACK THAT THE REMARKS IMPUGNED THE MOTIVES OF AMERICAN ECONOMIC ASSISTANCE WHEN TACK KNEW FULL WELL THAT AMERICAN AID STEMMED FROM HUMANITARIAN INSTINCTS OF AMERICANS TO HELP OTHERS IN DISTRESS AND TO AID NATIONS IN FINANCIAL DISTRESS OR IN NEED OF DEVELOPMENT. REMARKS SUCH AS TACK' S WERE NOT APPRECIATED, SCALI SAID, AT TIME WHEN PRESIDENT NIXON IS SEEKING, IN FACE OF CONSIDERABLE CONGRESSIONAL OPPOSITION, TO GET CONGRESSIONAL APPROVAL OF NEW AID APPROPRIATIONS. TACKS REMARKS PARTICULARLY DIFFICULT TO UNDERSTAND IN VIEW OF HIS AND BOYD' S ASSURANCES THAT ANSWER TO SCALI WOULD BE LOW- KEY. SCALI TOLD HIM

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HE KNEW TACK HAD DOMESTIC CONSTITUENCY TO WORRY ABOUT BUT THAT IT WAS EXCEEDINGLY ILLOGICAL ON HIS PART TO EXPECT SUCH CRITICISM OF SUCH AMERICAN MOTIVES TO BE VOICED IN INTERNATIONAL FORUM WITHOUT AMERICAN RESENTMENT AND NEED TO REPLY.

2. TACK PROFESSED NOT TO REALIZE THAT HIS REMARKS WOULD BE REGARDED AS OFFENSIVE. TACK SOUGHT TO GET INTO HISTORY OF PAST FRUSTRATIONS STEMMING FROM CANAL NEGOTS BUT SCALI SAID HE NOT NEGOTIATOR AND THAT IT WAS AN AREA HE COULD NOT TALK ABOUT.

3. SCALI SAID HE REPLIED IN SOMEWHAT LOFTY TONE BEFORE COUNCIL BUT EXPRESSED HIS VIEWS FORCEFULLY OUTSIDE CHAMBER AND WOULD DO SO AGAIN IF NECESSARY. SCALI SAID HE FOUND IT DIFFICULT TO BELIEVE TACK'S REMARKS REFLECTED THOSE OF MAN READY TO WORK OUT ACCEPTABLE SC RES BUT THAT HE WOULD CONTINUE TO HAVE AN OPEN MIND UNTIL POSSIBLE RES WAS DISCUSSED AGAIN.

4. TACK REPORTED HE READY AT ANY TIME TO HEAR ANY NEW AMERICAN VIEWS OR SUGGESTIONS AND WOULD BE AVAILABLE IN HOTEL ROOM OF AMB PITTINS AT EL PANAMA.

5. SCALI SAID HE WOULD CONTACT IF AND WHEN NEW INFO AVAILABLE.
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